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Months before Peter Parker was shot and killed, grade-schooler Miles Morales was about to start a new chapter in his life at a new school--when he was suddenly bitten by a stolen, genetically altered spider that gave him incredible arachnid-like powers.

News he has shared only with his best friend Ganke. Ganke is helping Miles figure out how to be...

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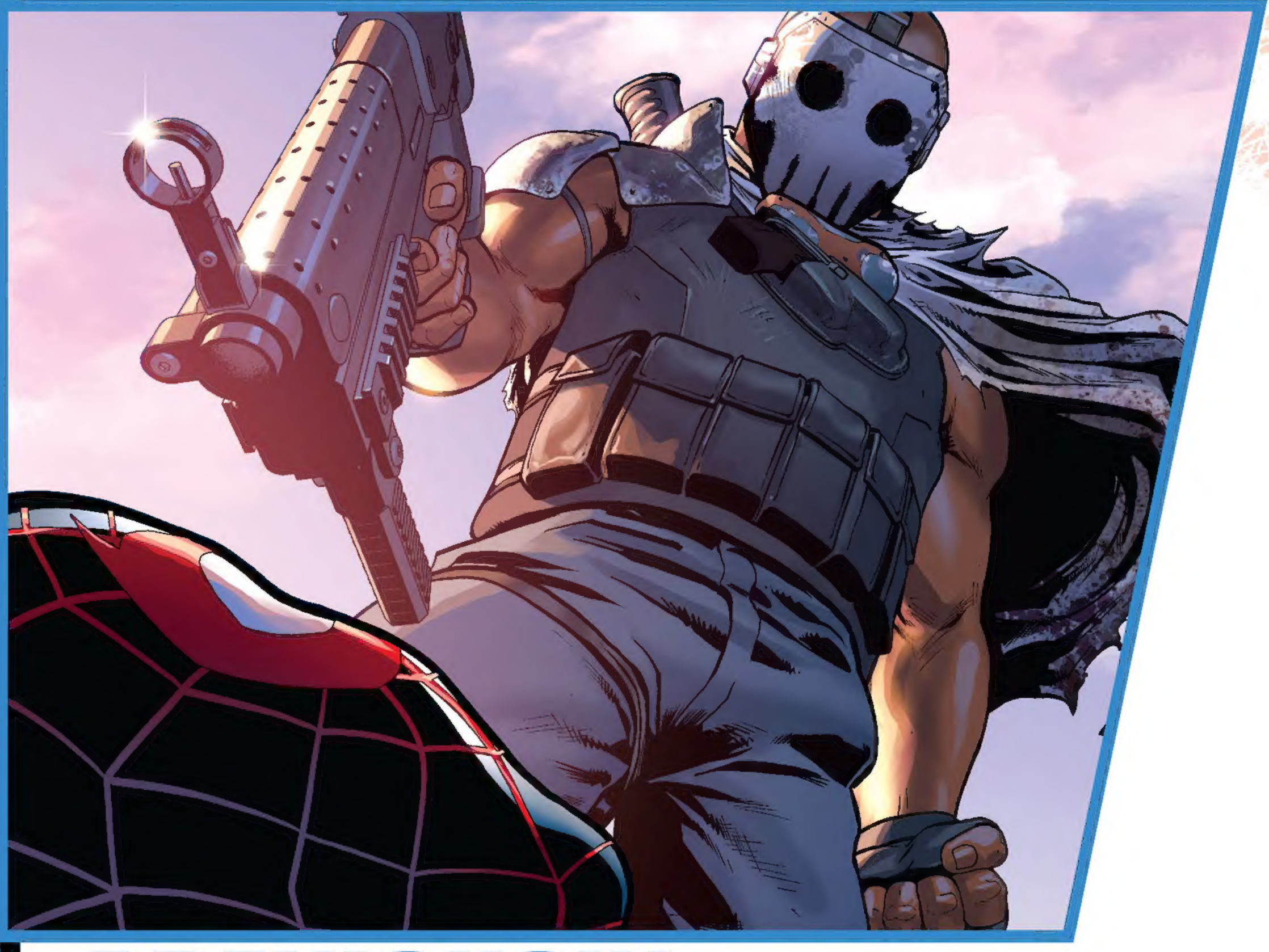

PREVIOUSLY:

One year ago, after a disastrous battle with Venom that killed his mother and left his father in the hospital, Miles Morales gave up being Spider-Man.

Today, Miles wrestles with his choices, as he and his father learn to live with each other.

After run-ins with mysterious new characters like Cloak and Dagger and Bombshell, Miles eventually realized there is no escaping his destiny, and he put on the Spider-Man costume once again.

But what Miles does not know, what nobody knows, is that the evil Roxxon Corporation, and their secret super-powered brain trust, is behind these strange appearances.

Spider-Woman and Spider-Man confronted Bombshell about her role in all of this only to be attacked and paralyzed by Roxxon's hitman, Taskmaster.

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Right there.

Why don't we just storm right in there?

And grab the head guy, Roxxon, and take him to the police.

Yes.

Or the FBI. Or S.H.I.E.L.D.

ROXXON

He had us kidnapped. Jacked us up full of powers we didn't ask for.

And now we know we weren't the first.

We can't go to the police.

We have proof. We have the list. We know about the Bombshell girl.

We know the connection to Spider-Man.

We can't kidnap *him* and say *he* kidnapped us.

You think they don't believe us?

Tandy... look at us.

What are we now?

We're those people you read about...like Spider-Man and the Hulk.

Is that what we are?

It wasn't the plan but...

Then I think it's okay to admit that we're just teenagers and we're in way over our head and we don't know what we--

BOOM

We should--

Yeah, I was just thinking that.

Brooklyn, Nine Minutes Ago.

And why did I want to give up being Spider-Man?

Oh yeah, stuff like this.

I don't know who this guy is or *how* he found us or *what* he wants or how he has us all *paralyzed.*

(Which feels very freaky weird, by the way.)

Agh!

Aow!

HUUM!

I can't even move my mouth to ask--wait!!

What is he doing?

The *new* Spider-Man.

I bet I could turn this intel into a retirement.

Oh no.

He's going for my mask.

I can't move. I-I can't even blink.

He's got me.

ZZAAATTT

How is he doing this?

Ah!

What *the hell,* kid?!

You *booby-trapped* or--

ZZAAAAP

Agh!

Venom blast still working.

So lucky.

I haven't used that in a year-- almost forgot I could do that.

Spider--

Spider-Woman is in the same boat as me.

Can't even see her from this angle.

Come on, get up!

Who *is* this guy? How did he do this to us?

I feel like I've been dipped in Novocain.

Come on!

He's-- yeah.

You little @#$@!

Uh-oh.

Muu!

Sure, great, *NOW* my arms work!!

Aaggh!

And my vocal cords.

Guess I'm far enough away from whatever he was using to paralyze us.

Everything is starting to move again but I'm still webbing blind!

THWIP

SPACK

Oh god.

My legs don't work.

I can't feel my butt.

Shoulda learned my lesson from that thing with Wolverine in Kuwait.

This is going to hurt.

Never mess around with you powered types.

Bullet to the head and figure it out...

...Later.

Lucky!

SMMAASSH

Gargh!

Lucky.

Wash happenin'?

Kid's a natural.

I can't believe I have to drag him back into super-hero-ing kicking and screaming.

This is going to--

CRA

SSSHH

If this Bombshell girl can open up some--no!

She's running away?! You selfish swear-word!

Get up! Come on.

Gotta call S.H.I.E.L.D. and find out what the deal on this guy is.

And where did he get this banned Hydra paralysis tech?

So illegal.

Uh-oh.

Uh, help!

THWIP

CRASH

Ow!!

And this reminds me of *another* reason I gave up being a super hero.

I'm a deputized agent of S.H.I.E.L.D., you 'roided up doof.

Weapons down and hands on your head.

S.H.I.E.L.D.? Wow.

Pfftt!

Ha!

SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM

Aaaaacome on!!

Guy's big and jacked. And fast.

Unnaturally.

As in he's either a mutant or--

Ha!

FWISH

Damn, look at her go!

THWIP

How many of you spider people are--?

SPAK

Nice!

WHACK

SMACK

SMACK

SMACK

Nice.

Thanks.

That wasn't so...

Um...

Hard.

Um...

Oh, %@$#!

Yeah.

My turn?

Ha!

Jeez, he's fast.

Hey!

WHACK

After I kill you, remind me to tell you how you played this *all* wrong, agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.

Gave him everything I have and what I have is the proportionate strength of a spider and he all but giggled.

Drop it!

You're gonna regret this, kid, I'm tellin' ya.

You're under arrest.

Ha!

You're funny.

Do they even train you agents any more or do they just put funny costumes on you and let you out in the field?

You're *still* under arrest!

Damn it...

Too bad I don't acknowledge your authority on any conceivable level!

So, what? You work out?

Aaaggh!!

Damn it, damn it, damn it...

Let go of her!!! I *mean* it!!

Oh, do you *mean* it?

How are you this strong? We both have the proportionate strength of something or other--

You sound like you're nine years old. Are you *actually* nine years old??

Who are *you* and why are you up our butts?

ZAATTT

You know what? Never mind.

Don't care!

AAIIEE!

You *should.*

Ha!

Just gave this dude a full venom blast right to the neck. That should end this pretty--

Because if you knew who I was you would know *not* to do what you just did...

And that makes *this* your fault.

Aaahhh!!

ZZAAAAKK

No!

Oh no.

No!!

Please no, God!!

Please don't let her die anything like this.

This is my fault-- I had no idea he could do that.

One of the growing *list* of reasons why I didn't want to be a super hero in the first place!!

He took my power and slammed you with it.

THWIP

Nice save.

Kid's got real talent.

What a waste.

Come on.

Can you hear me?

Please don't be dead.

Whew!

Are--are you--can you hear me?

I'm pissed.

Pissed is good.

Get up

Bad guy's going to make a run for it or...

Seriously, don't even!

Oh yeah, you.

Oh yeah, me.

BOOM

Wow.

Nice.

Okay.

(Huh.)

Well, that was me at about a six.

You want to go for eight or do you want to go all in?

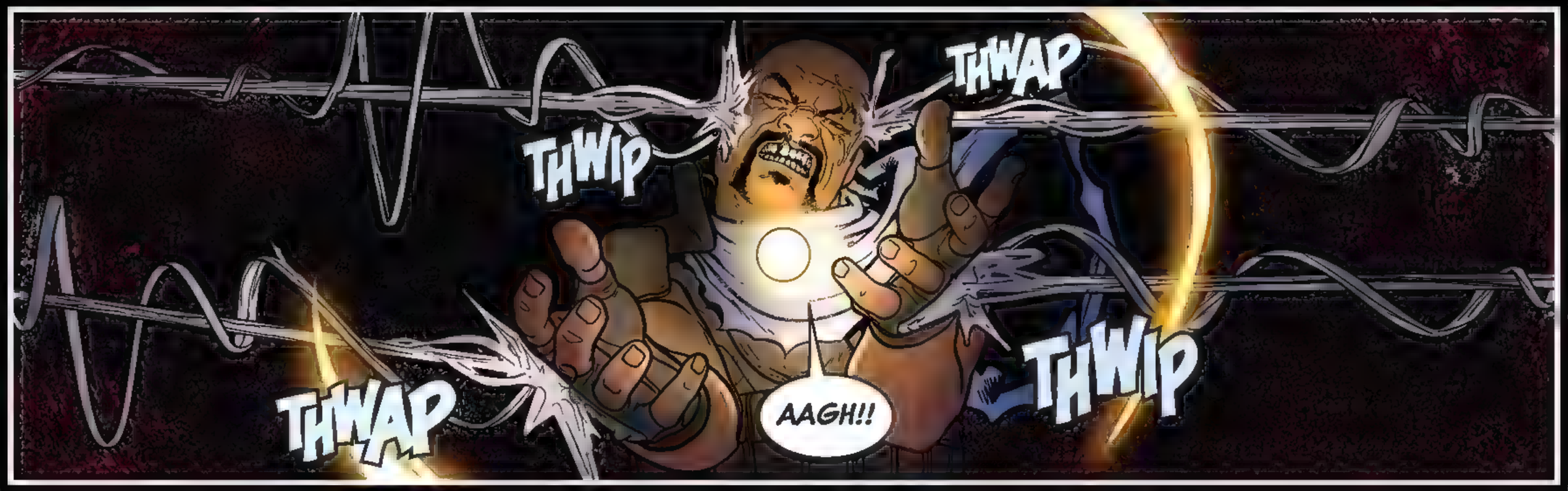
You kids *really* are not getting this.

Anything you throw at me...

Oh %#$@!

I throw right back at you.

I really haven't had this much fun since Havana.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THWIP
AAGH!!

Nice save, guys! Sorry I panicked and--
Get out of here, Bombshell!!
He's a power absorber!!
We're feeding him power and-- uh-oh.

Alright, agh, where's my gun...

Come on, you son of a %$#@&!!

AWIAAEIGH!

Oooh! Web blasted twice!!

I think we kinda figured out how to do this.

Agh!!

FUMP

You little brats don't even know what I am--AAGH!!

What was that?

Oh, great! Now you show up!

More of you?

Tough *guy.*

Took some of my light daggers and is *still* standing.

Mmmm... now we're talkin'.

Yo! Guys!

Stop hitting him because you're actually making him stronger...or something!

Took you long enough.

Well, how were we supposed to know that?

Wow! What exactly are *you* supposed to be?

Hey!! Stop that!!

Uh hi, guys.
Wow, Spider-Man.
You guys again!
Came here for *round two*?! Because I will %$&@*#--
That *might* have been a misunderstanding.
Ya think?
We didn't know if you *worked* for Roxxon or if you--
Roxxon?
Wait, hold on...
Did--did you just *eat* that guy?
I don't *think* so.
Because it looks like--
Hold on.
There he is.
Who *is* this guy?
Who are *you* guys?
I know we got off on the wrong foot, Lana, but I think you and I/we are in the same boat.
I'm in a boat?
His name is Anthony Masters.
Are we supposed to know him?
According to his texts--they call him Taskmaster.
Who sent him?
I think I know.
But I'm looking for proof.
And there it is...
Roxxon.
This was a contract killing.
Roxxon. Roxxon sent him here to kill *me*?
But he didn't know *we* were going to be here.
This--this is all the proof I needed.
I don't care what S.H.I.E.L.D. and Roxxon are working on together.
I don't care *who* they have donated to politically. I don't care.
I'm not an Ultimate. I'm not a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent. As of now, I'm off the grid.
This is just good guys taking out bad guys.
You guys want in?
What's the plan exactly?
I'm gonna pull Roxxon's world down around his ears while he watches.
The police are here.
Good...

POLICE

POLICE

Everyone should see what's about to happen next!

To Be Concluded...

ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAIL!

Greetings UCSM fans! Welcome to another action-packed, emotionally-charged issue, courtesy of our tenacious, tireless and talented creative team. Getting lots of e-mails from you so let's jump into them right away:

Amazing! Simply Amazing!!!

I started reading this new Ultimate Spider-Man series with great cynicism. Having grown up on Peter Parker's witty remarks and unrelenting sense of humor, I felt deeply attached to the character. Needless to say it was an emotional experience reading the "The Death of Spider-Man".

I entered this new territory of Miles Morales with an expectation of what Spider-Man should be. Miles didn't meet that expectation—he obliterated it. He's his own character, his own hero, with his own issues, which he deals with in his own way.

I love this new Spider-Man universe, and I'll support (and even defend it) always. In regards to my new favorite Issue #23, I have only this to say..... "Oh what a difference a year makes....."

Ultimate Universe True Believer,
Shaun

We never had a doubt about the likability of Miles Morales, Shaun. From the get go we knew we had a true Marvel character, someone people could relate to and sympathize with on many levels. Anybody out there who hasn't given Miles a chance, just pass any issue onto them and I bet you a gallon of web fluid they get hooked.

When I was younger, I only knew of Spider-Man from the films, so I decided to see what the comics were like. I refused to read Ultimate Spider-Man, since Peter died, so I ordered The Amazing Spider-Man comics, but they took a couple of days to arrive. I decided to read Ultimate Spider-Man.

I hated when Peter died, and I refused to read more. Last month, I decided to re-read the series. I constantly talked about it—to the annoyance of my friends. When I reached issue 160, I finally continued on.

I absolutely love the new comics for the story, but part of me hates it because Miles replaced Peter. I saw no reason for his death. I force myself to read the comic as the stories are too good to miss out on, but I wish Miles had been a side-kick or had his own spin off series.

Sincerely,
Bradley Sharp, England

We're glad you gave Miles a chance, Bradley. I know Peter's death was hard on a lot of readers. The feeling was that it was time to usher in a new Spider-Man and the Ultimate Universe was the place to do it, even at the expense of losing a beloved character. That was a hard choice but it's also great drama.

Hey there, House of Ideas,

I'm a reader of your new Ultimate Spiderman, and kudos to you for the action, story and fantastic realism. But when I opened the most recent issue, #23, I was perturbed with what I found.

I'm going to assume that after your recent one-year time jump Miles is about fourteen. At that age, I'm really worried about his behavior. He's already moved from liking a girl to having multiple furious make-out sessions. Is this what teenagers are like in Marvel universe? Let Miles grow up a little!

Also, Miles' immediate family has been dying off alarmingly fast as of late. We're not going to be looking at Miles, the super-powered orphan, anytime soon, are we?

From Spiderfan Alex Morkunas
PEI, Canada

Everyone grows up in different ways and at different paces, Alex. It all depends on the variables in your life and your core personality. I can't say there's any 100% correct way to portray a teen character now or ever. Aside from that minor difference of opinion, I'm happy you are enjoying the title.

Hey Brian, Dave, and the whole Ultimate Spider crew,

I've been loving this series since it first started; you guys have consistently put out a great book every month. I really, really loved issues 23 and 24! I didn't expect the time jump, and you guys really made it work. Plus, Kate Bishop and Cloak and Dagger are three of my favorite characters! I was jumping up and down with joy after seeing them in issue 23! It was interesting to see Ty and Tandy's origin in issue 24—can't wait to see the rest of it play out. Please make them regulars in the series, along with Kate! They really don't get enough love. Keep up the great work!

Tony Costantino
Ashburn, VA

P.S. I'm sure you've had other people tell you this, but you should make Ultimate Spider-Man a twice a month book! Can't get enough of it!

Yes, we've talked about increasing frequency, Tony, but our creators aren't THAT tireless ;)

Dear Ultimate Spidey Team,

Ultimate Cloak and Dagger are a great addition to the Ultimate Universe. Love obviously exists between the two characters, and I hope we will see more of the duo in future issues. Tandy and Ty are a great couple, and the two of them have great potential as heroes. Regrettably, Miles is not living up to his heroic potential. Of course, his reluctance to be a hero is understandable, but I hope that he comes to terms with the guilt that he feels for his mother's death. Nothing can keep a true hero down, and I hope Miles swings into action soon.

Reed Beebe
Kansas City, MO

And as you've seen, you are right. Nothing can keep a true hero down and Miles is stepping up to the plate as hard as the past year has been on him. More Cloak and Dagger? Ok!

Hello Ultimates,

I've been with Marvel since 1975, and, with Spider-Man being the first title I ever picked up, it has been a blast. I have issues 1-500 on my iPad—never leave home without it, haha. The new Ultimate Spider-Man has been great, from story to art, inking and coloring; you guys have the whole package. It's incredible, but my main reason for this letter is to share something interesting: one Saturday night, my kids, Kaitlyn, 13, and Sammy, 10, took my entire collection of Ultimate Spider-Man, and were up from 11pm till about 3am reading the entire run. They are hooked on it; they just love Miles Morales' adventures. So just to let you guys know, you have 2 new Spider fans, and when I buy the next issue, they must read it before I do. I never thought that I would have this joy with my kids, so thank you very much, and thank you for making Ultimate Spider-Man truly amazing.

Mario Velez
Arecibo, P.R.

That's great, Mario! My daughter, Rafaella, loves comics too (knock on unstable molecules) and it's a fantastic thing to be able to share such an imaginative and exciting medium with your children. Tell Kaitlyn and Sammy that Marvel is happy to have two more family members!

That's all the room we have this issue. Thanks everyone for writing and see you next month!

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